

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. It is requested that the present Amendment be entered since it will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Examiner.

Claim 35 has been amended to correct a typographical error, specifically, to change the term “nitrate” to “nitrite”. It is clear from the specification, as well as claims 6, 18-20, 40 and 44-46 that this is merely a typographical error.

The above amendment to the claim 35 does not alter the scope of the claims, and therefore will not require any additional search or examination by the Examiner.

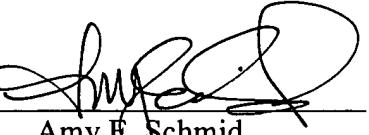
Since the scope of the claims has not been changed, the claims remain patentable for the original reasons of allowance. However, Applicants note that the Examiner’s Reasons for Allowance includes the same typographical error discussed above (please see item 2). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide a Supplemental Notice of Allowance correcting the Reasons for Allowance, specifically, to refer to “nitrite ion” rather than “nitrate ion”.

Applicants respectfully request that the present Amendment be entered as being directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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